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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, PPS/TR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Staff study and draft of a regulation designed to bring into being a Foreign Language Development Program, including an "incentive awards" program for the study of foreign languages, has been completed and forwarded to the DDS. This was done at the request of the DCI by an ad hoc committee appointed by the DDS. It is understood that the study will be considered by the CIA Career Council on 9 February.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. Counseling on language and area study interests has been provided by C/LETS to [REDACTED] and others. Pre-QRP interviews were held with [REDACTED] (NEA) preliminary to certification for the LETS intensive Persian course scheduled to begin about 1 April.

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2. Qualifications Review Panel certified the qualifications of [REDACTED] for intensive Persian.

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3. At the request of ORR, [REDACTED] talked to a group of about thirty persons on Agency plans for internal area training on China.

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4. LETS has received from ISB copies on osalid working draft of a chart developed in LETS on "Estimate of Time Required to Develop an Area Specialist."

5. Arrangements have been made to admit three USAF employees to LETS Russian courses.

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6. On Tuesday, 31 January, an experimental variation on the "Americans Abroad" course was tried; [REDACTED] gave a special three-hour briefing to an FE Security Officer leaving shortly for a station assignment in [REDACTED]. This consisted of a discussion of various aspects and phases of life in [REDACTED], a brief analysis of the social, economic and political picture, the answering of particular questions and a quick run-down of suitable books. The officer concerned will return for another short session, after talking over anticipated travel and living problems with his wife. In emergency cases, it is hoped that this type

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of special briefing can be provided, especially for those going to the smaller countries, on which the regular course cannot be provided. 25X1A [REDACTED] had discussed the possibility of offering this type of briefing at a meeting of DD/S Training Liaison Officers the previous week. 25X1A

7. [REDACTED], SE, has been making recordings of Slovene materials for the Language Laboratory. He has completed books #1 and #2 of the Army Language School course, and will also do books #3 and #4. This is part of an attempt to make available to CIA employees tape recordings of some of the less common East European languages. 25X1A

8. [REDACTED] with the help of Charles Bidwell, FSI, has been preparing some reading materials in Serbo-Croatian from Yugoslav periodicals for off-set production. 25X1A

9. [REDACTED] spent 19 and 20 January at [REDACTED] for the purpose of establishing the program of maintaining language proficiency for students in the Operations Course. With the aid of volunteer leaders from among the student body and the [REDACTED] staff, bi-weekly classes were arranged in French, German, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and possibly Russian. The [REDACTED] language laboratory has now been adequately equipped with texts and tapes in the above languages and also for the benefit of students interested in other languages who wish to do independent maintenance work there in Hindi, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Urdu, Italian, Arabic, Indonesian, and Persian. 25X1A

10. [REDACTED] are preparing a Russian Travelogue to be used as conversational material in Intermediate Russian. 25X1A

11. [REDACTED] left on Maternity Leave effective 30 January. 25X1A

12. Two new Russian Seminars are being set up and will begin the week of 15 February: the lower-level Intermediate Russian Conversation Seminar will be conducted by [REDACTED] and an Upper-level Intermediate Seminar will be conducted by [REDACTED]. Another Advanced Russian Conversation Seminar will be added if registration indicates the need. 25X1A 25X1A

13. The following announcements have been distributed to Training Liaison Officers (copies attached):

- "Orientation Lecture Series on the Soviet's European Satellites and Yugoslavia"
- "Middle East Film Festival"
- "Announcement of Foreign Language Film Schedule"
- "Regional Survey--Arab States and Israel - Revision of Guest Speaker Schedule"

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14. Messrs. Edward L. Katzenback and Timothy W. Stanley, faculty members of the Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration, met with OTR representatives (30 Jan) to sound out Agency interest in a proposed 9 month course, during 1956-57, to be offered exclusively to civilian selectees from the Department of Defense, NSA and CIA. It was pointed out that a non-military counterpart to the Service Schools such as the National War College, dealing with the study of civil-military relations in the field of Defense Policy and Administration, does not exist. The objective of the proposed course would be to broaden the outlook of civilian career employees in Defense policy problems through a study of the capabilities and limitations of the civil and military officer working in the policy field. It was suggested to the Harvard visitors that CIA would be most receptive to such a course, particularly for executives in grades 13-15, but that if this were of shorter duration, perhaps 13 weeks, the attendance of larger numbers of Agency personnel would be possible. Further discussion of this matter is planned in the near future.

15. A list of orientation courses offered by the Army, Navy and Air Force on Special Weapons and Guided Missiles has been furnished to OSI. This comprises data on eleven courses including scope, qualifications required of students, special security clearances necessary and scheduled starting dates. Research has also uncovered information concerning special unscheduled briefings on experimental work conducted at the Missile Test Center, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and at the Long Range Missile Center, Cocoa, Florida, which may be arranged for qualified civilians through HQ Air Research and Development Command.

16. Pending final approval of the application, arrangements have been made with the Navy to hold one space in the course beginning 13 February at the School for Underwater Swimmers, Key West, Florida.

17. The Office of Communications is interested in certain Navy Training publications and home-training kits for assembly of electronic equipment. It is learned that these are prepared by the Special Devices Center of the Bureau of Naval Research at Sands Point, Long Island. An investigation is being made to ascertain the value of this material for Agency purposes.

18. A meeting was held with the Chief, Curriculum and Instructor Training Branch of the Navy Bureau of Personnel, on behalf of the Chief, Instructional Services Branch, OTR. Official channels have been established for consultation and the exchange of training materials between CIA and the Navy Department.

19. ORR has inquired about training opportunities in photography at the various Service Schools. In this connection CIA internal training possibilities are also being explored.

20. Assistance has been given to EE/DDP in regard to a special training problem to develop skills needed for official cover in the

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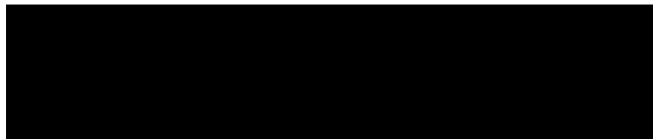
the field of market analysis. Arrangements were made with Chief, A&E for "off campus" tests to determine the aptitude of the "body" to readily acquire a façade of learning in this subject. As it was not considered desirable for the individual to audit the spring semester course at American University, a selected list of books on economics and market analysis was obtained from a specialist in ORR and turned over to EE for use in a self-study approach to the problem.

21. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is 167; 78 in class and 89 in self-study. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of 364 hours.

22. The following language courses began on 30 January:

- Elementary Spoken French (II)
- Elementary Italian Reading
- Elementary French Reading
- Semi-Intensive Elementary German
- Elementary German Reading
- Applied German Translation Group
- Elementary Spoken German (II)

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